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Fact Sheet

The Disabled Veterans Business Program (DVBE)

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The Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program helps California's disabled veterans compete for a portion of the contracting dollars that are competitively awarded through the State's bidding process. In doing so, it fosters self-reliance by offering veterans the opportunity to gain experience in business while sharing their expertise with the citizens of California.

To be eligible for California DVBE certification, the business must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 51% owned by one or more disabled veterans. (For the purposes of this program, a disabled veteran is defined as a veteran who has a service-connected disability of 10% or more and is a California resident.)
- Have its daily operations managed and controlled by one or more disabled veterans—the disabled veteran(s) who manages & controls the business is not required to be the disabled veteran business owner(s).
- Have its home office located in the United States—the office cannot be a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm or other foreign-based business.

California's goal is to award at least 3% of all state contracts to certified disabled veterans. The staff of the DVBE Outreach & Education Program is bringing this about with a two-prong approach:

- They promote the use of DVBE's in the state's contracting and purchasing process, meeting with agency and department DVBE Advocates to exchange knowledge and share best practices and by enhancing awareness of the DVBE Program requirements and processes through meetings, conventions and other avenues.
- The staff continues public relations, outreach and education efforts to the private sector, veterans' organizations, military installations, community organizations and the general public to increase the number of certified DVBE's available to state agencies in their contracting and purchasing efforts.

More information the DVBE program can be found on the California Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.cdva.ca.gov.

While the DVBE program does *not* provide direct assistance for veterans starting their own businesses, there are many resources dedicated to helping veteran owned businesses. More data is available using the Veteran Business Resource Directory link on the CDVA site at www.cdva.ca.gov/DVBE/businessresources.asp